

TOWN OF BRISTOL NOTICE OF ADOPTION

REVISIONS AND AMENDMENTS TO THE BRISTOL WATER USE ORDINANCE

Notice is hereby given that the Town of Bristol Selectboard voted to adopt substantial revisions and amendments to the Bristol Water Use Ordinance at its meeting on November 24, 2025. The ordinance will become effective 60 days after its adoption, or at such time following the expiration of the 60 days from the date of its adoption, as determined by the Town of Bristol Selectboard per 24 V.S.A. § 1973. If a petition is filed under 24 V.S.A. § 1973, that statute shall govern the taking effect of this ordinance.

The purpose of the ordinance is to: regulate the installation, operation, and use of water service connections; protect and ensure the efficient operation of the Water System of the Town; provide potable water to buildings occupied by users in the Bristol Water District; and to promote and protect the provision of water for fire protection.

- 1.0 Definitions
 - 2.0 General Authority, Administration, and Effect of Application
 - 3.0 Service Connection Operation, Requirements, and Restrictions
 - 4.0 Application for Service Connection, Repair, or Replacement
 - 5.0 Installation or Repair of Water Service
 - 6.0 Construction Specifications
 - 7.0 Ownership Responsibilities
 - 8.0 Temporary Service
 - 9.0 Extension of Water System to New Service Locations
 - 10.0 Fire Hydrants
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 - 12.0 Prohibitions
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- Appendix A: Water Supply Emergency Rules and Regulations
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The full text of this ordinance is available at www.bristolvt.org, the Town Office, Lawrence Memorial Library, Holley Hall, Martins (Aubuchon Hardware), and Bristol Beverage. An ordinance or rule adopted by a municipality may be disapproved by a vote of a majority of the qualified voters of the municipality voting on the question at an annual or special meeting duly warned for the purpose, pursuant to a petition signed and submitted in accordance with subsection (b) of 24 V.S.A. § 1973: "A petition for a vote on the question of disapproving an ordinance or rule shall be signed by not less than five percent of the qualified voters of the municipality, and presented to the legislative body or the clerk of the municipality within 44 days following the date of the adoption of the ordinance or rule by the legislative body."

Comments or questions should be directed to Town Administrator Gregory Faust at (802) 453-2410 x1, townadmin@bristolvt.org, or Town of Bristol, PO Box 249, 1 South Street, Bristol, VT 05443.